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Reply to Office Action of March 1, 2004

### REMARKS

Responsive to the Office Action mailed March 1, 2004, Applicants have studied the Examiner's comments. Claims 1-18 are currently pending. New claim 19 has been added. In view of the following remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance.

Claim 12, objected to as a duplicate of claim 3, is amended to correct its dependency to be that on claim 10.

Claims 1-18 are rejected for obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-10 of U.S. Patent No. 6,673,806. Responsive thereto, enclosed is a Terminal Disclaimer to obviate such a double patenting rejection.

### CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that all issues and rejections have been adequately addressed, that all claims 1-19 are allowable, and that the case should be advanced to issuance.

If the Examiner has any questions or wishes to discuss the claims, Applicants encourage the Examiner to call the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted

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